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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/29/2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 09/29/2000
2. Claims 1-60 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 7, 13, 17, 21, 23, 29, 32, 36 42, 48, 52, and 56 are independent claims.
3. Claims 1-60 are restricted.

Election/Restrictions

4. Restrictions to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-6, drawn to an electronic document editor, a selection services component classified in class 715, subclass 531.

Claims 23-28, drawn to computer-readable medium having computer- executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer classified in class 715, subclass 531.

Claims 36-41, drawn to a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor classified in class, 715, subclass 531.

II. Claims 7-12, drawn to an electronic document editor, a selection services component classified in class 719, subclass 311.

Claims 42-47, drawn to a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor classified in class 719, subclass 311.

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III. Claims 13-16, 21-22 drawn to an electronic document editor, a selection services component classified in class 715, subclass 513.

Claims 29-31, drawn to computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer classified in class 715, subclass 513.

Claims 48-51, drawn to a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor classified in class 715, subclass 513.

IV. Claims 17-20, drawn to an electronic document editor, a selection services component classified in class 707, subclass 200+.

Claims 32-35, drawn to a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer classified in class 707, subclass 200+.

Claims 52-55, drawn to a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor classified in class 707, subclass 200+.

V. Claims 56-60, drawn to an electronic document editor stored on a computer-readable medium classified in class 719, subclass 318.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

5. The inventions I, II, III, IV and V are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different

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functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are defined as

Groups I – drawn to an electronic document editor, a selection services component, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer and a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor.

Group II – an electronic document editor, a selection services component and a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor.

Group III - an electronic document editor, a selection services component, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer, and a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor.

Group IV - an electronic document editor, a selection services component, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for one or more interfaces that, when executed by an electronic document editor on a computer, and a method for providing selection services to one or more extensions in an extensible editor.

Group V - an electronic document editor stored on a computer-readable medium.

6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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7. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is 703-305-8784. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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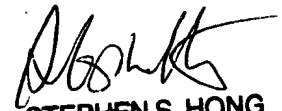
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